

PRESS GUIDANCE

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BUTTER

Q: What is the State Department's policy on sales of surplus butter to the USSR, either directly or through New Zealand?

A: The Cabinet has not approved any proposal to sell subsidized U.S. butter directly or indirectly to the Soviet Union.

We do not believe that current Soviet conduct justifies use of subsidies in our sales to that country. The various alternatives to disposal of the surplus butter are still under review within the Administration and no final decision has been made on the best way to handle the problem.

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